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Alt Loennewitz Airfield

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REMARKS

1. During the night of 14 April between 7 p.m. and 1 a.m., there was flying activity at Alt Loennewitz airfield. About 7 p.m., three searchlights were towed by tractors from a hangar. The first searchlight was set up north of the east end of the runway. It was in operation during the air activity. The second rotating searchlight, which was replaced near the radio installations with four masts, east of the road to Schmerkerdorf, swept the sky when aircraft were aloft. The third searchlight, which was located north of Alt Loennewitz near Loennewitz road, lighted the runway during take-offs and landings. About 7:30 p.m., the engines of two single-engine, low-wing monoplanes were started and stopped again after about 5 minutes. About 7:40 p.m., these aircraft were again started and taxied to the east end of the runway. About 8 p.m., the third searchlight lit the runway. At the same time, other planes were started and taxied to the east end of the runway. Between 8:05 and 8:15 p.m., six single-engine, low-wing monoplanes took off in succession. After the take-offs, the third searchlight was turned off. Between 8:15 and 8:25 p.m., more aircraft engines being started. Then the planes taxied to the east end of the runway. Between 8:25 and 8:33 p.m., the third searchlight again lighted the runway, while six single-engine, low-wing monoplanes landed and taxied along the taxiway to the east end of the runway. There, the crews were exchanged. Four MiG-15s took off in rapid succession at 8:45 p.m. and landed again at 9 p.m. It was noticeable that a group of planes took off only when the preceding group had landed. (1)

2. On 15 April, there was a slight degree of cloudiness. Between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m., two jeeps towed many aircraft to the east end of the runway in shuttle traffic. At 8:30 a.m., three trucks hauled personnel from the barracks buildings to the planes at the east end of the runway. The aircraft engines were started; they were stopped after warming up. At 9:05 a.m., flying activity started. Twelve MiG-15s took off in elements of two and at a distance of about 100 meters. The planes assembled in the air in a V formation, two planes flying close to each other. The formation landed at 9:18 a.m. Nine MiG-15s took off at short intervals at 9:35 a.m. and practiced formation flying until 9:58 a.m. At 10:10 a.m., 18 MiG-15s took off. The planes practiced formation flying and landed between 10:45 and 10:55 a.m.

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## 3. The following air activities were observed between 16 April and 9 May:

Date	Observations
16 April	No air activity was observed from outside the field.
17 "	At 3 p.m., a twin-engine plane towing a sleeve target was observed. Jet fighters made approach flights at the sleeve target.
18 "	Between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., MiG-15s flew 32 [redacted]
19 "	No flying was observed.
21 to 23 April	No observations were made from the vicinity of the field. Formation flying was observed from a distant working place.
24 to 27 April	No air activity in rainy weather.
28 April	No flying.
29 "	At 7 a.m., 3 MiG-15s were parked on the eastern section of the runway. Between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m., jet fighters flew [redacted] seventy times. A formation of six planes with exhaust trails flew at a high altitude.
30 "	Between 8 a.m. and noon, jet fighters crossed over [redacted] thirty-four times. A formation of 8 planes flying in echelon formation was observed. The aircraft had exhaust trails.
1, 2, and 2 May	No air activity.
4 May	Flying by MiG-15s.
5 "	Between 7:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., 24 flights across the field by single-seater, low-wing monoplanes and 18 flights by MiG-15s flying in elements of two.
6 "	Between 8:30 a.m. and noon, flying activity. Between 1 and 3 p.m., approach flights at a sleeve target towed by a twin-engine plane.
8 "	Between 9 and 10:30 a.m., no flying.
9 "	At 7:50 a.m., [redacted] the first aircraft being started. At the same time, a seagull towed a MiG-15 from the hangars to the runway. Between 7:50 and 8:02 a.m., 8 MiG-15s took off at short intervals. The planes assembled in a formation. Their landings were not observed. At 9:45 a.m., a formation of 10 aircraft crossed [redacted] (2) At 2:30 p.m., flying was discontinued. (2)

Between 10 and 13 May, there was no flying at the field.

4. At 7:30 a.m. on 15 April, aircraft observed at the field included 16 MiG-15s in front of the western hangar, 11 single-engine, low-wing monoplanes in front of the hangar adjacent to the western hangar and 1 twin-engine plane in front of the easternmost hangar. Aircraft were observed in the two western hangars which were open. (4) Between 9 and 10:30 a.m. on 8 May, 12 MiG-15s were arranged on the western section of the runway and 8 single-engine, low-wing monoplanes were parked in front of the third hangar from the west.

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5. Trucks observed entering and leaving the field [redacted] with [redacted] 25X1  
carried personnel employed for line construction, [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] Comments.

- (1) The significant information on night flying activity by individual MiG-15s indicates the status of training of the new fighter regiment whose crews started retraining on MiG-15s during the last weeks of 1951. The first night flights by the two new fighter regiments at Binow airfield were observed on 8 May. [redacted] 25X1
- (2) For sketch of flight formations observed on 9 May, see Annex.
- (3) The flying activities observed until early May indicate that the status of training of the fighter regiment is comparable with the training of the other regiments which have been organized since late 1951.
- (4) The exact number of MiG-15s stationed at the field is not known. On 11 March 1952, 10 new MiG-15s [redacted] arrived at Alt Leennowitz airfield coming from the U.S.S.R. [redacted] Since [redacted] 25X1  
aircraft in the open hangar it is believed that the regiment is equipped with more MiG-15s that were observed in front of the hangars.

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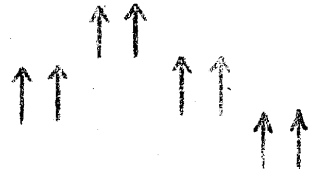
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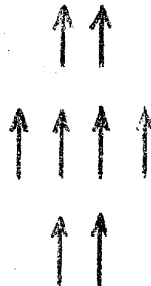
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# Types of Formation of Flights on 9 May 1952

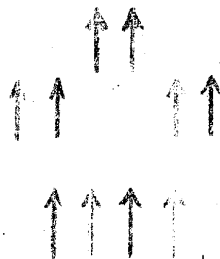
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